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Greece better off leaving euro: Czech president

CHICAGO (AFP) - Greece would be better off economically if it exited the eurozone, Czech President Vaclav Klaus said Tuesday, warning there is no "imminent" solution to the European debt crisis.

"There is no imminent solution to the eurozone sovereign debt trap," Klaus said in

a public address following the NATO summit in Chicago.

"The long-lasting problems in Europe have been irresponsibly, widely underestimated... This debt crisis is only the tip of a much bigger, much deeper and much wider iceberg."

Speaking a day before Eu-

ropean leaders gather to discuss the crisis, Klaus decried the "European experiments both with the continental wide, artificial, non-genuine unification and with the continual undermining of the market economy."

He said Greece was being punished for being the "victim" of an economically imbalanced arrangement.

"It would be much better for Greece to leave the eurozone, which is almost not allowed, impossible and so on," Klaus told the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Klaus acknowledged that a Greek exit would have significant consequences, but said it's an issue of deciding which would be a "bigger mess."

Establishing a monetary union was a political decision taken without any attention being paid to economic fundamentals, he said, adding that there was insufficient solidarity among the members for the arrangement to hold in the long term.

"The European politicians and their economists should have known that wrongly-constructed monetary unions are costly and do not last long," Klaus said.

A man who leaped into Niagara Falls survived but has been hospitalized in critical condition, authorities said Tuesday. The unidentified man was rescued around noon on Monday about two hours after witnesses reported seeing him scale a protective wall at the popular tourist attraction and "deliberately jump" into the water, the Niagara Parks Police Service said in a statement. The Niagara police said only three people have survived the plunge unprotected. They were a Canadian man attempting suicide in 2009; an American man accused of staging a stunt in 2003; and a seven-year-old boy who in 1960 was swept over the falls wearing only a life vest.



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Aruba enjoys an excellent relationship with KLM

During a recent business trip to the Netherlands, the Aruba Minister of Tourism met with the management of KLM. Top KLM executives attended this meeting, namely, KLM's COO Pieter Elbers, Willem de Jonge, VP of Government & Industry Affairs and Frits de Look in charge of Marketing. The Minister Plenipotentiary of Aruba in The Netherlands, Edwin Abath was also invited to this meeting.

It was pleasant to learn during the meeting that Pieter Elbers had been promoted



within the ranks of KLM and is now a member of the Statuary Management Board of KLM together with the President and CEO Peter Hartman and Managing Directors Camiel Eurlings and Erik Varwijk.

The KLM delegation gladly reported that they felt that the relationship between Aruba and KLM was extremely good and Aruba concurred and believes that there may still be room for an even better relationship as they continue to work together.

KLM was pleased to announce that they had finally leveled out the tariffs for Aruba. For a long time there was some discrepancy between tariffs to the other islands within the Kingdom. Tickets to the other islands were less expensive than those for Aruba. This, reported KLM, is no longer the

case, the tariffs are all the same now. Certainly this was very good news for the Aruba delegation!

KLM indicated that they are also working hard on finding a solution for connecting flights from Scandinavia so that more passengers can obtain connections to Aruba. They are also working closely with the ATA Holland office in the promotion of Aruba in The Netherlands through marketing programs.

All in all, this was, reportedly, an excellent meeting which attested to the excellent relationship that exists between KLM and Aruba. Not only does KLM stand to benefit from this, but especially Aruba will reap the benefits of such a good working relationship. KLM continues to be a very important strategic tourism partner for Aruba!



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Cleft Lip/Palate team makes successful second visit to Aruba



The Schiss team

Last Wednesday, the Minister of Public Health received a courtesy visit from the "schisis" (cleft lip/palate) team from UMC St. Radboud of Nijmegen, Holland. This is the second time, this team has come to Aruba to perform a few operations at our Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital. During their first visit last year they performed several very successful operations on various patients here.

"Schisis" as it is called in Dutch, and Hazenlip or Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate in English, is a lip, jaw and/or cleft defect of the mouth. In Dutch it is better known as "Hazen-

lip." On Aruba there are about 2 or 3 patients per year with this medical problem. It is a birth defect which requires a specialized team of medical professionals to ensure the best results. A child born with a cleft lip or cleft palate must undergo one or more operations between the ages 0 to 18 in order to correct the problem as much as is possible.

The team who came to Aruba is considered the biggest team in the Netherlands and treats about 2000 patients between 0 to 18 years. In Aruba, Pediatrician Dr. Wever-Ponson, coordi-

nated the visit of the Dutch team and the selection of patients to be treated. Dr. Steve Cabenda, Aruba's Ear-Nose & Throat specialist, Odontologist Walker and Speech Therapist Fabiola Jansen were part of the Aruba support team. Normally these patients would be sent to Holland for the bigger operations which could be very costly. During the visit of the Dutch team they did medical examinations on 33 patients and performed four surgeries. The AZV covered all the expenses of the Dutch team of specialists. Last year, on their first visit to Aruba, they examined 26 patients and performed three operations.

The benefits of bringing the team here is enormous both in the working together of such a specialized team and in the quality of the care. The greatest benefit is that the cost is so much less. All the information to and guidance of the patient is done right here on Aruba, thanks to the excellent cooperation of the Dutch team and the support team here on Aruba. The parents and children with this defect need not go to The Netherlands for the controls or the operations, except for major surgeries.

One of the cardinal aspects of the treatment of the Cleft Lip/Palate team is the treatment by the Speech Therapist, which, to date is not being covered by the AZV. This treatment is very crucial for the development of speech and to prevent other surgeries in the future. Currently the AZV and Ministry of Health are looking into this matter and attempting to solve the problem of the cost of the indispensable Speech Therapy.

Tourism results from Jan. - Apr. 2012 signals modest growth of 1.3%!

During the months of January to April 2012 Aruba received a total of 303.660 visitors representing a growth of 1.3% compared to the same period in 2011. Last year's total for the period January to April was 299.905 visitors. This amount is a difference in absolute numbers of 3.755 visitors.

In the month of April 2012 Aruba received a total of 78.160 visitors, compared to 79.585 in April 2011. This is an absolute difference of 1429 visitors which represents a drop of 1.8%. Most of Latin American countries, however, had an increase in visitor arrivals. The European and North American markets dropped slightly. The North American market, which is Aruba's biggest market, has shown an improvement, although it remains one of our challenges for the rest of 2012.

North America:

This primary market for Aruba has shown a decrease in visitor arrivals of 5.7%. The numbers reflect a drop in the primary regions for Aruba, namely, the Northeast with 5.7%, Western with 1.6%, Mid Atlantic with 11% and the South East region with 10.7%. The Mid West, however, had an increase of 2.5%.

The Canadian market grew by 21.1% this month compared to April 2011. ATA's research indicates that various factors account for the drop in visitor arrivals. One factor is definitely the airline service. For example, there are less available airline seats from New York to Aruba. And from Philadel-

phia and Atlanta, because of the reduction of flights of American Airlines.

Although Jet Blue increased their flights and seating capacity as well as other airlines, these do not compensate for the loss suffered after American Airlines reduced their number of flights.

Another factor for the decrease is the strong competition in the traditional markets of Aruba. Mexico, which is struggling hard to salvage her tourism industry, has decided to double their investment in marketing and promoting in Aruba's traditional markets, which includes New York.

Other destinations in the Caribbean are moving very aggressively and making special offers like "two people can fly for free" along with other attractive discounts. The economic situation is still very weak and is definitely an important factor why Americans are not traveling as before.

The Latin American market:

The market that had the greatest increase last year was the Latin American market. In April this market grew by 6.4% led by Argentina which increased by a whopping 113.1%. Venezuela was next in line with an increase of 6.9% which was equal to 629 more visitors compared to the same month in 2011. Brazil also showed an increase of 6.8%. The various sports events on Aruba certainly influenced this positive growth from Brazil.

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Tourism results from Jan. - Apr. 2012 signals modest growth of 1.3%!

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Aruba Tourism Authority

Colombia showed a decrease of 23.9% compared to April 2011. The primary reason for this drop was that airline seats were occupied by Argentina and Brazil leaving fewer seats for visitors from Colombia. This is why ATA is intent on working to get direct flights, as an example, from Brazil. Another factor for the visitor decrease is the 200 rooms that are out of our rooms inventory on the island, which results in us having less rooms to sell limiting the amount of visitors who could come.

Europe

With respect to Europe, Aruba saw a decrease from this market of 11.4%. The German market dropped by 0.8%, followed by Holland which also decreased by 3%, which is equal to 105 visitors less compared to the absolute figures of April 2011. The same accounts for England which dropped by 23.5%. The Scandinavian countries also showed a decrease. This is all indicative of the fact that these countries have not yet recovered from the economical crisis. Then, the Ital-

ian market also decreased as a consequence of the charter flight that no longer flies from Italy to Aruba.

According to ATA, it is important to maintain a combination of a high occupancy rate without affecting the price of our rooms. This means that the REVPAR is the most important indicator where the price is one of the most significant elements.

According to AHATA, for the month of April the ADR dropped by 1% from \$211.69 in April 2011 to \$209.50 in April 2012. Hotel occupancy, on the other hand, increased by 3.7% this month from 73.8% in 2011 to 81.2% in 2012.

Profit per room, the REVPAR increased by 8.9% from \$156.29 in April 2011 to \$170.20 in April 2012.

ATA's continuing vision is to increase the quality of our tourism and not the quantity. They believe that it is important to limit the amount of rooms to the point we can provide optimal accommodations throughout every month of the year. Growth, they believe must be in the quality.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

OPENING PARTY / WELCOME CELEBRATION
10pm - 3am, Hard Rock Café (Noord)
Featuring DJ General Lee

THURSDAY, MAY 24

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS
LASER 101: w/ GEE MONEY St. Maarten Radio
10am - 2pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

WHUR: MIDDAY w/ TRACI LATRELLE
10am - 3pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

WBAV: MIDDAY w/ CHIRL GIRL
10am - 2pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

DOUG & DEDE SHOW
3pm - 7pm, Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino (Oranjestad)

FOXXHOLE RADIO
5pm - 7pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am - 3pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

CARUBBEAN FESTIVAL
6pm - 10pm, San Nicholas

NIGHTCLUB PARTY
11pm - 3am, Hard Rock Café (Noord)
Featuring DJ General Lee

FRIDAY, MAY 25

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOTCAMP
9am - 10am, Westin Hotel Poolside (Palm Beach)

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS
LASER 101: w/ GEE MONEY St. Maarten Radio
10am - 2pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

WHUR: MIDDAY w/ TRACI LATRELLE
10am - 3pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

WBAV: MIDDAY w/ CHIRL GIRL
10am - 2pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

FOXXHOLE RADIO
3pm - 6pm, Radisson - Gilligan's (Palm Beach)

DOUG & DEDE SHOW
3pm - 7pm, Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino (Oranjestad)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am - 3pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

MAIN STAGE CONCERT
7pm - 11pm
Soul Beach Amphitheater - Nikky Beach Adjacent (Oranjestad)
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ARUBA ALL-STARS

NIGHTCLUB PARTY
11:30pm - 3am, Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ Bubby Love

SATURDAY, MAY 26

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOTCAMP
9am - 10am, Westin Hotel Poolside (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am - 3pm, MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

MAIN STAGE CONCERT
7pm - 11pm
Soul Beach Amphitheater - Nikky Beach Adjacent (Oranjestad)
R. KELLY
MELANIE FIONA
YOUTH XTREME

NIGHTCLUB PARTY
11:30pm - 3am, Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ Biz Markie

SUNDAY, MAY 27

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am - 3pm, Baby Beach (San Nicholas)

MAIN STAGE CONCERT
7pm - 11pm
Soul Beach Amphitheater - Nikky Beach Adjacent (Oranjestad)

Hertz Wins 'Top Rated Overall' in Zagat Car Rental Survey

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Zagat, a provider of consumer-based ratings and reviews, released the results of its latest U.S. Car Rental Survey covering 10 leading brands: Advantage, Alamo Rent A Car, Avis, Budget, Dollar Rent A Car, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Hertz, National Car Rental, Rent-A-Wreck and Thrifty Car Rental.

Surveyors were asked to select the best rental car

brands in a variety of additional categories for a total of 20 categories. Hertz made a clean sweep of top ratings for vehicles, reliability, service and popularity, netting the title of Top Overall. Following Hertz, National took the No. 2 spot edging out Avis. National was also rated the best value.

Enterprise won for Deals and Promotions, Neighbor-

hood Rentals and Car Pick-Up Experience, while Hertz won the remaining categories.

The surveyors, predominantly men, rented cars 11.4 times on average in the past year — 6.7 times for business and 4.7 for leisure. In addition to providing ratings on Zagat's 30-point scale, the surveyors offered comments about their experiences with

land, hereby supporting the growth of tourism on Aruba.

Hertz Aruba's main office is situated at Sabana Blanco, but one can also find their offices at different hotels on the island, such as Divi Aruba All Inclusive, Divi Village, Hyatt Regency, Aruban Resort & Casino, Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino, Tamarijn Beach All Inclusive, The Westin Aruba Resort, Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, Renaissance Marina, Renaissance Suites, Marriott Aruba Ocean Club or right at the Airport Reina Beatrix.

Hertz Aruba also fills an important spot in the transportation service on the is-

Pirates take over Aruba Marriott Associate celebration of 1st quarter



Managers of 1st quarter

It was a pirate take over at the Aruba Marriott's first quarter associate celebration. The fun "Pirates of the Caribbean"

partners. Nominated by their managers a group of seven associates were chosen All Star Team: Erwin Figaroa



Supervisors of 1st quarter



Best dressed winners

theme brought the associates together to a great dress up event at the resort's Grand Ballroom.

Vice President and General Manager Kevin Schwab and Human Resources Director Barbara Bronswinkel thanked the fifty nominees before announcing the win-

(Engineering Resort), Jasmine Akins (F&B), Elizabeth Peña (Kitchen), Ukshi Bareño (At Your Service), Cristy-Ann Christiaans (Accounting), Fidelia Castillo (Housekeeping Resort) and Gerald de Freitas (Casino Accounting).

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Pirates take over Aruba Marriott Associate celebration of first quarter

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Winners Associate All Star

The stars were chosen based on their excellent performances and going beyond expectations for Marriott's guests in the first quarter

The quarter celebration included the recognition of managers and supervisors nominees. Supervisors Marvin Leonidas (Front Desk Ocean Club) and Ronald Boezem (Casino Slots) shown great dedication to his job and team and went above

(Events Resort) and Maureen Vrolijk (Revenue MVCI).

All nominees received a personalized gift followed by sumptuous dinner buffet. The party tunes were provided by the band Delicious.

In addition, the best dressed prizes went to Jenny Portela (bazaar) and George Winterdal (Kitchen). The Aruba Marriott congratulates all winners of the first quarter

US will judge Iran on 'actions' after IAEA deal

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States gave a cool reception Tuesday to a mooted deal between the IAEA and Iran, saying the agreement marked a "step forward" but stating that Tehran would be judged on its actions.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yukiya Amano said upon returning from Tehran that he and Iran's chief nuclear negotiator made a "decision" to reach an agreement on the UN watchdog probing suspected weapons activities.

But contrary to the hopes of some diplomats before he left on Sunday, Amano failed to actually sign a deal, saying at a Vienna airport that this would happen "quite soon" because of remaining, unspecified "differences."

"It's important to note that the announcement today is a step forward," White House spokesman Jay Carney said, calling the planned agreement "certainly significant."

However, he added: "We will make judgments about Iran's behavior based on actions."

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland also

stressed that "the announcement of the deal is one thing, but the implementation is what we're going to be looking for" ahead of talks Wednesday in Baghdad between Iran and six world powers including the United States.

Washington will look for Iran to "provide the access to all of the locations, the documents and the personnel that the IAEA requires in order to determine whether Iran's program is exclusively for peaceful purposes," she said.

The Baghdad talks, aimed at defusing the crisis over Tehran's contested nuclear program, involve Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States -- plus Germany.

"We see these issues in parallel," Nuland said of the IAEA's work and the talks in the Iraqi capital.

Republican Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who has pressed for tighter sanctions on the Islamic republic, called the apparent deal a "stalling tactic" to give Tehran more time to acquire nuclear capability.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

International News

25 killed, 45 injured in Indian train collision



BANGALORE (AFP) - At least 25 people were killed and 45 injured early on Tuesday when a passenger train slammed into a stationary goods train in southern India, rail officials said.

The sleeper train crashed into the parked goods train at Penneconda station in Andhra Pradesh state as it was travel-

ling overnight to Bangalore, the information-technology hub and capital city of Karnataka state.

"The number of deaths now is 25 and 45 are injured out of which some have minor injuries but 10 are grievously hurt," railway ministry spokeswoman Chandrakha Mukherjee told AFP in New Delhi.

The Andhra Pradesh state police said the bodies of 16 of the victims travelling in a carriage behind the engine were badly burnt as it caught fire following the collision.

"The coach was meant only for women but it is not possible to say if the bodies are women or men as they are charred," Charu Sinha, deputy inspector general of Andhra Pradesh police, told AFP from the crash site.

"There are no more bodies in the wreckage as (rescue and salvage) operations are now over," she said by telephone.

A police statement said bodies were taken out after rescuers sliced through the crushed carriages with mechanical cutters and used cranes brought from Bangalore.

Preacher stirs outrage with plan to let US gays 'die out'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A Baptist preacher in North Carolina triggered Internet outrage Tuesday with his call from the pulpit for all gays and lesbians to be rounded up, fenced in like cattle, then left to die.

Reverend Charles Worley delivered his unabashedly homophobic homily on May 13 -- Mother's Day in the United States -- at his independent Providence Road Baptist Church in the small town of Maiden, North Carolina.

"Build a great, big, large fence -- 150 or 100 mile long -- put all the lesbians in there, fly over and drop some food," Worley told his congregation, as seen in a video that went viral on YouTube with more than 260,000 views.

"Do the same thing for the queers and the homosexuals and have that fence electrified

so they can't get out ... and you know what, in a few years, they'll die out ... Do you know why? They can't reproduce," he said.

"If a man ever has a young'un, praise God, it'll be the first one."

With some of his parishioners in the background shouting "amen," the barrel-chested Worley went on to say: "I ain't going to vote for a baby killer or a homosexual lover."

That was an apparent reference to President Barack Obama, who four days earlier came out in favor of same-sex marriage, and who is not opposed -- as many Catholics and Evangelicals are -- to abortion.

The local Catawba Valley Citizens Against Hate launched a social media cam

(www.facebook.com/CatawbaValleyAgainstHate) to condemn Worley's sermon and organize a protest at his church this Sunday.

"We need to line the street in front of the church with people with some common sense to tell the world that hate is not welcome in our community. And, believe me, the world is watching!!" it said.

There was no immediate reaction from Worley to the outcry, and the Providence Road Baptist Church website (www.prbenc.com) was out of order Tuesday.

On May 8, voters in North Carolina approved a state constitutional amendment explicitly forbidding gay marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships. Similar bans exist in around 30 other American states.

Colombia presses Venezuela for action against FARC rebels

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia said Tuesday it expected Venezuela to take "effective" action against leftist FARC guerrillas suspected of seeking refuge there after staging an ambush that killed 12 Colombian soldiers.

Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon welcomed President Hugo Chavez's pledge to send troops to the border areas between the neighboring South American states as "an appropriate gesture."

The Colombian soldiers were killed Monday in a remote rural area near their country's northernmost border with Venezuela in the Guajira Peninsula by guerrillas with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

The Colombian military said it was "very likely" that the guerrillas crossed from Venezuela to stage the attack, and then fled back across the border.

"We cannot allow ourselves

to get mixed in with a conflict that is not our own," Chavez said Monday to state-run VTV television, in announcing that he had ordered a beefed up border presence.

Bogota in the past has accused the leftist Chavez government of providing refuge to Colombian guerrillas, but tensions between the two governments have eased under President Manuel Santos who has cultivated better relations with Caracas.

Pinzon said Chavez and Santos and their respective military chiefs had held talks on the security problems just before Monday's ambush.

He said it has long been known that "there are people who use the border as a foil. The time has come for communications with the Venezuelan authorities in these cases."

The FARC have stepped up attacks on Colombian security forces over the past year in remote parts of the country.



German automaker Audi introduced in Austria a very inspiring sports machine: The cycling electronic e-bike Wörthersee (named after a beautiful lake in Austria). The prototype which combines electrical management and muscle power is made from carbon fiber frame that weights just 3.53 pounds (1.6kg) -- but with a 2.3kW electric motor and lithium ion battery the bike's total weight is 24lbs (11kg). Audi says the e-bike travels up to 31 mph on the electric motor, and up to 51 mph when the rider pedals as well. The battery can be charged in 2.5 hours or quickly swapped. It's also outfitted with WiFi and a smartphone that provides electronic controls for the bike as well as unlocking it.

International News

Bomb found before Colombian ex-president's speech



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Authorities found and deactivated a bomb Tuesday at a theater in the Argentine capital Buenos Aires where former Colombian president Alvaro Uribe was to deliver a speech, officials said.

Uribe, known for tough law-and-order policies during his 2002-2010 presidency in Colombia, had been scheduled

to speak at the Grand Rex theater in downtown Buenos Aires on Wednesday, and still intends to honor the engagement.

Theater security and maintenance personnel found the bomb on the second floor, where Uribe, following a press conference, plans "to host a cocktail party with many personalities," said investigating Judge Norberto Oyarbide.

Speaking to reporters at the entrance to the theater, Oyarbide said the bomb "was simple, but large enough to kill people who were very close to it."

Federal police rushed explosives experts to the site and closed off traffic for more than an hour on the busy Corrientes Avenue, where the theater, one of the largest in Buenos Aires, is located.

After an exhaustive search to check for any other devices, around 30 police officers remained at the entrance, stopping anyone from entering the building.

The damage to Argentina's reputation "would have been very large" had the bomb detonated, Oyarbide said after inspecting the room.

Uribe's speech to the WOM Leadership symposium 2012, a forum on management and leadership, had drawn calls from leftist groups for a Wednesday demonstration to protest his presence.

Other scheduled speakers include Manuel Estiarte with Spain's FC Barcelona football club, and Guy Caron from the Cirque du Soleil.

Uribe, 59, will deliver his speech as scheduled, Oyarbide said. His presentation is titled "The Transformation of Colombia," organizers said.

During his presidency Uribe secured a controversial peace deal with Colombian right-wing paramilitary forces that led to the demobilization of 30,000 fighters, and launched peace talks with the leftist National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrillas.

However the country's largest leftist rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), rejected negotiations with Uribe and derided him as a warmonger.

Uribe's hardline policies against Colombia's leftist guerrillas resulted in a wave of complaints of human rights abuses against the armed forces.

While Uribe left office with high approval ratings, details about domestic spying on journalists, judges and opposition politicians, as well as corruption among supporters, have emerged in recent years.



Aesha Mohammadzai was on the front cover of Time Magazine in 2010 (L), Aesha whose nose and ears were hacked off as punishment for attempting to flee an abusive forced marriage, came to embody the appalling abuse suffered by many at the hands of the brutal Taliban regime. Now four years later (R) Aesha (22) is attempting to make a new life for herself in America, after receiving political asylum in 2011 a year after arriving in the U.S. She's undergone treatment, but her psychologist told CNN in a special piece that the ordeal has left Ms Mohammadzai with deep emotional scars.

Two charged in US over Chinese student killings



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Two men were charged Tuesday over the killings of two Chinese graduate students that shocked Los Angeles last month, officials said.

Bryan Barnes, 20, and Javier Bolden, 19, could face the death penalty after being indicted on capital murder charges over the killings of engineering students Ming Qu and Ying Wu, both 23. They were arrested last week.

Neither of the suspects had criminal records, but they were also charged with attempted murder for incidents in December and February. Shell casings found at those scenes allegedly tied the pair to the students' killings.

The two Chinese students from the University of Southern California (USC) were shot in the early hours of April 11, as they sat in a car in an area southwest of downtown LA.

Their suspected killers were detained last Friday in separate operations in south LA and

Palmdale, north of the city, by teams including the LA Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The special circumstances of multiple murders and murder during commission of a robbery makes the two defendants eligible for the death penalty," the LA County District Attorney's Office said in a statement.

The parents of the victims filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the USC last week.

They noted that the school "actively solicits international students, particularly from China, for its graduate studies program for which it receives a substantial sum of money from tuition to help fund the university."

The school's website states the university "is ranked among the safest of US universities and colleges, with one of the most comprehensive, proactive campus and community safety programs in the nation," they added.

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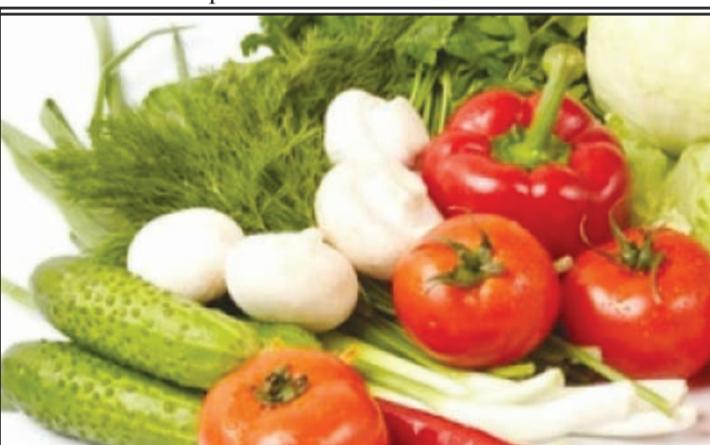
US Catholics file suits over birth control requirement

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Forty-three Catholic dioceses, universities and other organizations have filed 12 suits across several US states challenging a federal requirement that their health plans cover birth control.

The complaints filed Monday follow similar action by seven US states in February, and could deepen an election-year row pitting Democrats and women's rights groups against conservatives and major Catholic institutions.

According to one of the new complaints, a copy of which was obtained by AFP, the groups say President Barack Obama's landmark health overhaul infringes on religious freedom by requiring the provision of birth control.

"This lawsuit is about one of America's most cherished freedoms: the freedom to practice one's religion without government interference," the archdiocese of Washington and the Catholic University of America said in the complaint.



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In cod we trust: DNA test combats fisheries fraud



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists on Tuesday said they had devised a DNA test to pinpoint the geographical origins of commercial seafish, in a breakthrough against illegal trawling that threatens fish stocks worldwide.

The technique so far has been developed for four species -- Atlantic cod, Atlantic herring, common sole and European hake -- under a campaign to combat fisheries fraud in Europe.

But it could easily be widened to more species and help fishery guardians in other jurisdictions, the researchers said.

The invention comprises a databank of changes to the genetic code, called single nucleotide polymorphisms, or SNPs.

Species that hail from a spe-

cific region, such as the North Sea herring or Baltic cod, have a SNiP profile that is exclusive to that area.

Analysing DNA from a single fish, even if it has been processed or cooked, gives the geographical telltale.

As a result, inspectors -- and thus consumers -- can be told whether the fish is indeed the species or from the fishery claimed on the label.

"We set out to develop a method that could be used

throughout the European food supply chain and across the fish industry," said Gary Carvalho, a professor at Bangor University in Wales who led the research consortium.

"The tools can be used to identify or compare a set of pre-identified genetic markers within fish samples at any point in the consumer chain

from net to plate, and to trace the fish back to their region of origin or breeding group."

The project, called FishPop-Trace, brought together 15 research groups, from the European Union (EU), Norway and Russia.

It is part of a three-year, four-million-euro (\$5-million) EU initiative to develop better testing and traceability to combat fisheries fraud.

In 2011, EU member states had to introduce laws requiring any fish on sale to be identified according to their species and region of origin.

But there have been many documented cases of abuse.

Fish may be wrongly labelled as having been caught in sustainable fisheries, and fillets from cheaper species are sometimes passed off as being from more expensive ones.

Around a fifth of commercially-caught fish around the world are "IUU," meaning illegal, unreported and unregulated, according to a 2009 investigation.

In lab tests, the SNiP signature was 93-100 percent accurate, say the scientists.

Turning to the practicality of the technique, inspectors would send samples to a DNA laboratory, a facility that is becoming widespread in advanced economies, to test the fish.

Sci-Tech**Kodak patent deemed invalid in fight with Apple-RIM**

NEW YORK (AFP)- A US judge said a Kodak patent allegedly infringed upon by

Apple and Blackberry-maker Research In Motion (RIM) was not valid, dealing an-

other blow to the struggling photography pioneer.

The preliminary ruling by International Trade Commission Judge Thomas Pender holds that neither Apple nor RIM infringed on Kodak's intellectual property by using the technology in some of their gadgets.

"This is the second of two ITC Judges with technical backgrounds who have found Kodak's patent invalid," RIM said in a release.

Kodak planned to appeal the ruling to the full commission, with a decision expected in September.

The patent was the subject of a complaint Kodak filed with the ITC in early 2010 that focused on the technology allowing users to preview pictures on LCD screens before snapping digital photos.

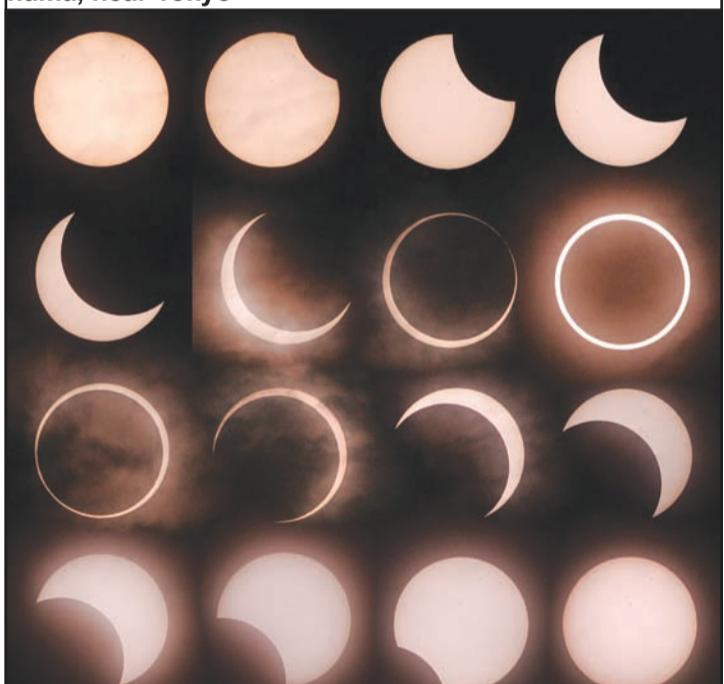
Century-old photography pioneer Eastman Kodak, which brought handheld cameras to the masses, filed for bankruptcy in January, succumbing to a 15-year digital assault by younger rivals.

The company hoped that Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection would give it time to reorganize its businesses -- and possibly sell off its valuable patent portfolio -- to avoid being shut down entirely.

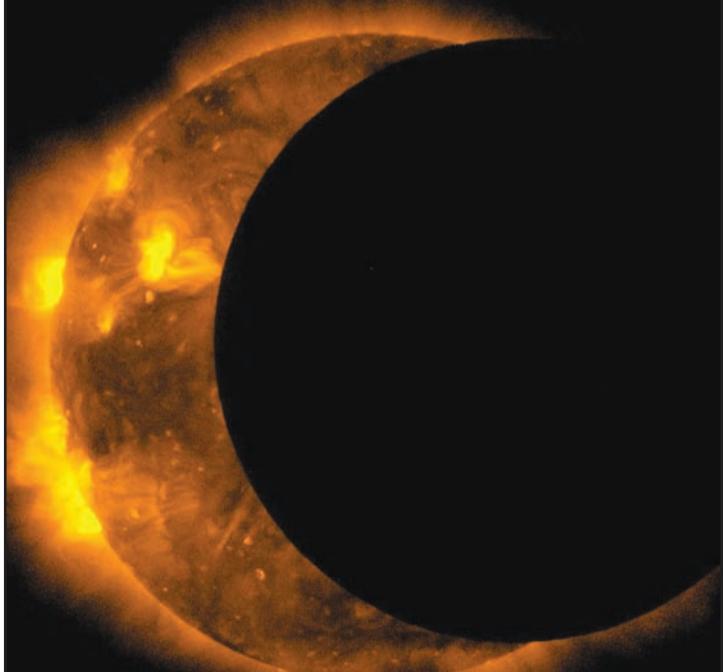
The Rochester, New York-based company, started in 1892, led the way in popularizing the cameras, film, slide projectors and home videos that preserved the memories of generations of Americans and others around the world.



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A composite image of the annular eclipse as seen from Tokyo on Sunday night in phases



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SpaceX blasts off to space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AFP) - Opening a new era in private space flight, the US company SpaceX on Tuesday became the first commercial outfit to launch its own craft toward the International Space Station.

The test flight of the Dragon space capsule, which launched atop SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket at 3:44 am (0744 GMT), aims to show that industry can restore US access to the ISS after NASA retired its space shuttle fleet last year.

The mission is set to include a fly-by and berthing with the station in the next three days, before the capsule returns to Earth at the end of this month.

Shortly after liftoff, the cargo-carrying spacecraft entered orbit and live video images showed mission control staff at SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne, California jumping

from their seats, hugging and clapping.

SpaceX chief executive officer and Internet entrepreneur Elon Musk said watching the rocket rise from the launch pad was an "extremely intense moment."

No humans are traveling aboard the Dragon, but six astronauts are already at the \$100-billion space lab to help the capsule latch on, to unload supplies and then restock the capsule with cargo to take back to Earth.

On May 24, the spacecraft's sensors and flight systems are to undergo a series of tests to see if it is ready to berth, including a complicated fly-under at a distance of about 1.5 miles (2.5 kilometers).

If NASA gives the green light, the Dragon will then approach the ISS on May 25 in an attempt to berth with the station.

The astronauts on board the ISS will maneuver the station's robotic arm to help capture the capsule and attach it to the orbiting research outpost.

On May 31, the Dragon is to detach from the station and make a safe landing in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of southern California.

SpaceX, owned by 40-year-old Musk, a billionaire who also co-founded PayPal, is the first of several US competitors to try sending spacecraft to the ISS with the goal of restoring US access to space for human travelers by 2015.

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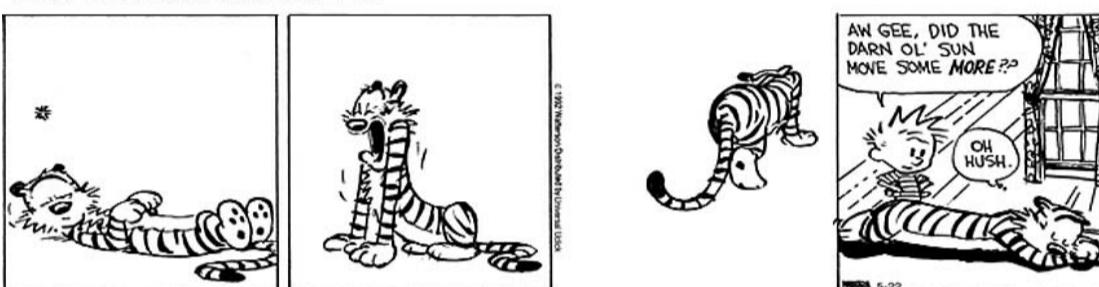
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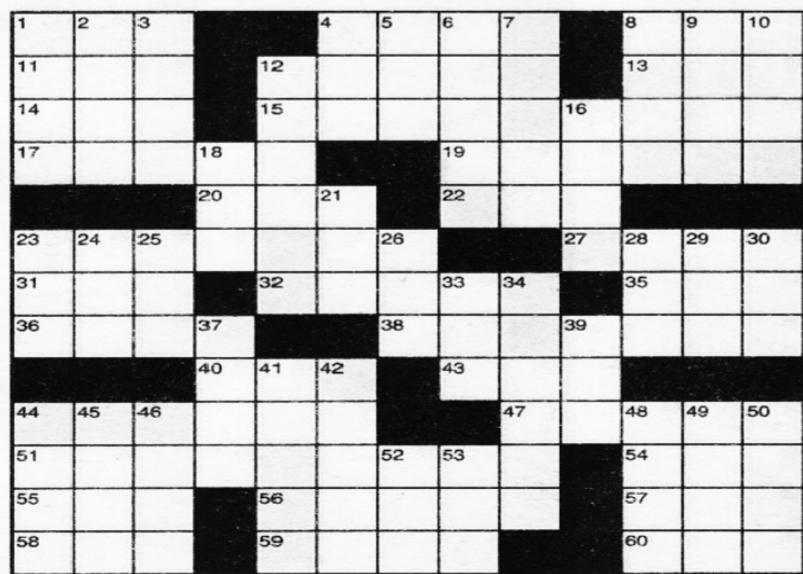
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Euro sinks as Greek exit threatens

NEW YORK (AFP) - The euro tumbled Tuesday on the eve of an EU summit on the financial crisis as former Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos warned that a pullout from the eurozone is a real possibility.

The euro was traded at \$1.2684 around 2100 GMT, down from \$1.2815 at the same time Monday, and slipped to 101.45 yen from 101.62 yen.

The dollar gained against the Japanese currency, to 79.98 yen compared with

79.30 yen late Monday.

"Investors dumped euros ahead of Wednesday's European Union summit. After rallying for two consecutive trading days, the euro failed to sustain its gains which tell us that investors do not expect much from the meeting," said Kathy Lien at GFT.

In thin New York trade, the euro was pulled down by comments by former Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, who said in an interview with Dow Jones Newswires: "The risk of

Greece leaving the euro is real."

Investors fear that Greece's debt crisis will spread to other members of the 17-nation bloc, especially Spain, where the banking sector is reeling from soured real-estate assets.

The dollar strengthened against other major currencies. It rose to 0.9468 Swiss francs from 0.9372 francs late Monday.

The pound fell to \$1.5766 from \$1.5833.

Oil prices slip ahead of Iran, EU meetings

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices ticked lower Tuesday amid signals that Iran may allow the IAEA to inspect the nation's contested nuclear program, easing oil supply concerns as sanctions loom.

Crude oil prices, which had climbed Monday, breaking a recent slump, edged down on both sides of the Atlantic.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for June finished at \$91.66 a barrel, down 91 cents from Monday's closing level.

In London trade, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in July slipped 40 cents to \$108.41 a barrel.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yukiya Amano said that he and Iran's chief nuclear negotiator would "soon" reach an agreement on the UN watchdog probing Iran's suspected weapons activities.

The announcement came on the eve of Iran's meeting

in Baghdad with diplomats of the so-called P5+1: the five permanent UN Security Council members Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States, plus Germany.

"The announcement of an increased likelihood of an agreement between the IAEA and Iran appears to be a positive sign," said JPMorgan analysts.

"However, it seems likely that any progress, either in the IAEA talks, or the (P5+1) negotiations is unlikely to lead to the removal of sanctions in the short term.

Iran faces a raft of sanctions from the United Nations, the United States and the European Union over suspicions that its nuclear program masks a push to develop atomic weapons.

However, Tehran insists that the program is for peaceful uses.

Several major customers of Iranian crude including India, Japan and Turkey have said they would reduce imports on Iranian oil, while a European Union crude embargo on Tehran is due to be fully implemented from July 1.

Oil prices also were pressured by a stronger dollar on the eve of a European Union informal summit in Brussels where the eurozone's crippling sovereign debt crisis will top the agenda.

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US faces 2013 recession after 'fiscal cliff': CBO

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States faces a likely recession next year if Congress fails to stop scheduled spending cuts and tax hikes in January, congressional budget analysts warned Tuesday.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said that if currently mandated fiscal conditions are implemented -

- what some observers call a "fiscal cliff" -- the economy would contract at an annual rate of 1.3 percent in the first half of 2013.

That downturn "would probably be judged to be a recession," the agency said in a report.

The CBO predicted the economy would rebound in the second half of the year, to an annual pace of 2.3 percent, leaving full-year gross domestic product growth of just 0.5 percent.

That was substantially weaker than the CBO's January forecast for a 1.1 percent GDP expansion in 2013.

The worry is that last year's political "deal" over the country's deep fiscal problems will force immediate cuts of \$1.2 billion from government spending at the same time that billions of dollars' worth of tax cuts expire, requiring consumers to cut back as well.

The "fiscal cliff" was the

legal result of a fight between Democrat and Republican lawmakers over raising the country's debt limit last August, a fight that had pushed the country toward defaulting on its debt.

It fell into place when both parties could not agree on a broader deal to adjust the country's fiscal hole over the longer term.

Most analysts expect a new deal will be reached to avoid the cliff, but with the presidential and congressional election battle under way and elections only taking place in November, just weeks before the fiscal deadline, worries are that a deal might not get done.

The CBO estimated that if lawmakers changed fiscal policy in late 2012 to remove or offset all of the scheduled policies, GDP growth next year would be around 4.4 percent.

In April Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke warned Congress that the central bank would not be able to act as a savior for the economy if Congress failed to act.

"The size of the fiscal cliff is such that there is, I think, absolutely no chance that the Federal Reserve could or would have the ability whatsoever to offset that effect on the economy," he said.



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Lady Gaga tweets about Indonesian concert censorship



JAKARTA (AFP) - Lady Gaga broke her silence about a jeopardised concert in Jakarta, saying on Twitter Tuesday that she was facing censorship from Indonesian authorities and threats of violence from Islamic hardliners.

Indonesian police have said they would not issue a permit for the June 3 show after objections from Islamic groups, but the promoters say they are still fighting for a way to stage the event.

"The Jakarta situation is 2-fold: Indonesian authorities

ceiving objections to the provocative performer's risqué shows from Islamic groups, including the country's top Islamic body the National Ulema Council (MUI).

Lawyers representing production company Big Daddy said they met with Jakarta police Tuesday to discuss conditions necessary for the show to go ahead.

"The deadline they gave was seven days before the show. We are working hard to fulfil all the requirements, which are mostly administrative. We have covered almost all the conditions," lawyer Minola Sebayang told AFP.

But Jakarta police spokesman Rikwanto said Tuesday that besides securing permits from the tourism ministry and the concert venue owner, promoters must "ensure she is dressed appropriately and does not violate cultural norms in this country."

In the past, pop stars including Beyoncé and the Pussycat Dolls have been allowed to perform in the coun-

try on condition they wore more conservative dress than usual.

But the MUI said it objected to the concert not only because of her provocative dresses, but also the "blasphemous" song lyrics.

"Lady Gaga is considered an icon for liberal culture and Indonesia's freedom is not without limits. There are restrictions related to norms, morals and religion," MUI official Asrorun Niam told AFP.

Lady Gaga also faced opposition from the Islamic Defenders Front (FPI), which said it would create havoc if she were allowed to perform in Indonesia, calling her the "devil's messenger" who wears only a "bra and panties" on stage.

Ninety percent of Indonesia's 240 million identify themselves as Muslims, giving it the world's largest Islamic population, but the vast majority practise a moderate form of the religion.

Lady Gaga's world tour has been dogged by controversy elsewhere in Asia.

Hollande to get big-screen treatment

CANNES (AFP) - New French President François Hollande will hit the big screen in a new documentary by the screenwriter of a feature film about his predecessor Nicolas Sarkozy, the filmmaker told AFP Tuesday.

"It is about showing how it works at the pinnacle of power, how decisions are taken, how the president works," Patrick Rotman, who is directing the picture called "Le Pouvoir" (Power), said at the Cannes Film Festival.

"The film revolves around Hollande, who gave his permission to film at the Elysee (Palace) for several months -- a kind of 'The West Wing' in real life," he added, citing the fly-on-the-wall US series set at the White House.

Rotman, a prominent documentary filmmaker who last year presented a feature film about Sarkozy at Cannes, "The Conquest," said the new film would not be released for another year at least.

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Taj Mahal Restaurant, an authentic culinary excursion



When Bharat Shah, originally from India, but now a successful businessman in California, put on a spectacular wedding in Aruba for his daughter Lisa and her groom Kalpesh, they welcomed hundreds of friends and relatives from around the world, including the "old country."

When all the wedding guests had finally arrived in Aruba, Bharat hosted an official welcome party along the shore in Palm Beach, and he chose to have it catered by Taj Mahal restaurant, he was that impressed by their cuisine.

If you like your Indian food authentic, or are looking for a new and unique dining experience, an evening at Taj Mahal will deliver a memorable meal. A seemingly endless menu offers scores of choices for fish, chicken, lamb and vegetarian dishes that are "the real deal;" discover that Indian food goes way beyond curry!

A taste-testing crew from THE MORNING NEWS chose a selection of their singular starters and two main courses with saffron rice, served family style, which provided a fine example of the versatility of their chef.

Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets, Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb. Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on which you can spoon your

main course, as well. Poori is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your meal.

Our group also added an appetizer of crunchy Samosas, the Indian form of a potato knish, served with either cilantro or sweet and sour sauce. A platter of their Jhinga, large, crispy-fried shrimp in a delicate batter is ample enough to serve as a main course, though featured on their appetizer menu.

As we mentioned, main courses are served family style, in beautiful little pots that sit upon a candle to keep them warm. Our group sampled the "Mutton Saagwala," also known as "Lamb Shag" which is cooked in a thick sauce of yogurt and spinach, and the "Fish Hara Masala," moist, tender chunks of fish in a rich sauce featuring cilantro as the main flavoring. This is offered in mild, medium and very spicy, we found the medium quite spicy enough for us; it left a tingle on the tongue.

The family style service allows everyone at the table to sample a bit of this and that, and we heartily recommend you do, to truly appreciate this authentic bit of India in Aruba. Open for lunch and dinner, Taj Mahal sports a cozy and intimate air-conditioned dining room and a small outdoor terrace for those that enjoy dining al fresco. They have an exotic dessert menu to match, but our group was too stuffed to partake; there was even enough left to box up and provide a lunch next day for the lucky first person to get to it!

Located behind the Royal Plaza Mall, across from Aruba's Numismatic Museum, Taj Mahal offers a dining experience that is truly out of the ordinary; they feature an excellent and tasty selection for vegetarians too. If you are a fan of Indian food, or have been toying with trying it, Taj Mahal is the place for a very affordable dining experience and the real deal! Call 588-4494 for reservations.



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Ronaldo determined not to flunk Euro test



Johan Cruijff said in an interview on 2 April 2008, "Ronaldo is better than George Best and Denis Law, who were two brilliant and great players in the history of United."

LISBON (AFP) - If Cristiano Ronaldo can carry over the goalscoring prowess he has shown all campaign with Real Madrid into Euro 2012, Portugal fans can realistically hope that their side will escape from a tough group.

Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark -- all three former champions -- came out of the hat to join the Iberians in Group B and give Ronaldo and company much food for thought.

Although Paulo Bento's unit are cast to a degree in the mould befitting a former defensive midfielder, the 2004 finalists can call on a peerless and prodigious talent in Ronaldo whose mercurial skills can, on his day, take them past any opponent.

Ronaldo has certainly been on fire with Real, even if his exploits were not quite enough to see off Bayern Munich in the Champions League semi-final, in which he missed a penalty, taking the gloss off two goals earlier in the contest.

His 54th goal of the season in all competitions at the Camp Nou last month all but ended Barcelona's resistance in the battle for the Liga title as he outshone fellow goalscoring machine Lionel Messi, even if the latter did outscore him in La Liga.

And Ronaldo, having added the Spanish crown to the three Premier League titles he won at Old Trafford, can point to being the only man to score against all 19 league opponents in the same season.

Yet at international level,

the 27-year-old remains an unfinished product who flatters to deceive in a way very much reminiscent of England, which he lit up during his time at Manchester United.

The Portuguese star made his international debut in August 2003, allowing him to take a place in the team which hosted the 2004 Euros.

He scored twice in the tournament, including the semi-final winner over the Netherlands, but neither he nor his teammates could find

a way past Greece, who stunned the hosts in the final.

While still with United, Ronaldo famously went one better than England at the 2006 World Cup, seeing off clubmate Wayne Rooney in the quarter-finals in a repeat of the Euro 2004 quarters.

Yet, just as he failed to find the extra spark against the Greeks, so Ronaldo suffered further grief in international colours in a semi-final defeat to France, and notoriety for having appeared to collude in the earlier sending off of Rooney.

Euro 2008 brought disappointment in the shape of just one goal and a quarter-final exit to Germany, while the 2010 World Cup also saw him showcase little of his club form, as the Selecao bowed out to Spain in the last 16.

Such oscillating international form is a condition which has afflicted Portugal as a whole, as they limped through their qualifiers after excruciating moments such as a 4-4 home draw with lowly Cyprus.

Nevertheless, Ronaldo insists that they "will go to the finals with high expectations -- though we have been drawn in a hard group".

Euro 2012 title or nothing for Podolski



BERLIN (AFP) - Arsenal-bound striker Lukas Podolski has said Germany must aim to win Euro 2012 "and nothing else" when they bid to be crowned champions of Europe for the fourth time next month.

Germany open their Euro 2012 campaign in Group B against Portugal in Lviv, Ukraine, on June 9, but Podolski says the aim of Joachim Loew's squad has to be winning the final at Kiev's Olympic Stadium on July 1.

Poland-born Podolski was very clear when asked about Germany's goals for a tourna-

ment they last won in England in 1996.

"The title. Nothing else," he told Cologne newspaper Koelner-Stadt-Anzeiger at Germany's training camp in Sardinia, Italy.

"In the last few years it has always been said that when we manage to reach the semi-finals, that is already some success."

"I think before the tournament starts we can say we are ready to play for the title."

"That brings a certain thrust, a force, if you say from the outset: we want to win the title."

With 95 caps for Germany and 43 goals, the 26-year-old has already been part of German teams which finished third at the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and reached the final of Euro 2008.

Podolski will play for the Gunners next season in the Premier League after three seasons at Cologne, who were relegated from the Bundesliga at the start of May.

Germany also face World Cup runners-up the Netherlands and Denmark in Group B.

Spain arrives in Austria for pre-Euro training



Spanish football team member Adrian Lopez arrives in Schruns

SCHRUNS (AFP) - World and European champions Spain arrived late Tuesday in Schruns, western Austria, for a week-long training camp ahead of next month's defence of their European title in Poland and Ukraine.

The team around coach Vicente Del Bosque was greeted by a dozen fans under drizzling rain as it arrived at its hotel in the mountain resort, where it will stay until May 29.

During this time, the reigning European and world cham-

pions will play a friendly match against Serbia on May 26 in St. Gallen, Switzerland, with another following on May 30 in Bern against South Korea.

Several training sessions in Austria will meanwhile be open to the public.

La Roja, which already trained in Schruns ahead of its World Cup triumph in 2010, is seen as one of the favourites at Euro 2012 which runs from June 8 to July 1.

Currently ranked number one in the world by FIFA, it will be hoping to become the first nation to win three international competitions in a row if it can lift the European trophy again after winning in Vienna in 2008.

Spain will face Italy, Ireland and Croatia in group C, with its first match against the Azzurri on June 10 in Gdansk, Poland.

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Boxing: Religion, gay row won't impact Pacquiao in ring



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Manny Pacquiao's devotion to religion and comments against gay marriage will not have an impact as a training distraction or in the ring as the Filipino icon prepares to fight unbeaten American Tim Bradley.

That was the message from "Pac-Man" and trainer Freddie Roach on Tuesday in a media conference call ahead of Pacquiao's June 9 defense of his World Boxing Organization welterweight title at Las Vegas.

"Manny Pacquiao is very fired up, very motivated," Roach said. "He has had a great training session. Everything is right where it is supposed to be. We've had a great training camp. Manny's focus is the best I have ever seen."

Pacquiao, 54-3 with two drawn and 38 knockouts, has taken to Bible study rather than nightlife these days, but

his punches will carry the same sting when he meets WBO junior welterweight champion Bradley, 28-0 with 12 knockouts.

"It will not affect my job," Pacquiao said. "When I commit my life to the Lord, it's not about my job. Whatever my job is, that's a pleasure from God."

Pacquiao was asked his opinion of same-sex marriages last week in the wake of support for such unions from US President Barack Obama. Pacquiao said he was not in favor of gay marriage, comments he said he knew would touch off controversy.

"Somebody asked me what my opinion of legalizing same-sex marriage is," Pacquiao said. "I said what I think. It is against the law of God."

Roach said the controversy should be over by now.

Roach sees Pacquiao's piety as a plus, making him fresher as a fighter and more focused and receptive as a pupil.

"He's not as tired. He doesn't have any night life whatsoever," Roach said. "He goes to Bible study. Him and God are

very close right now. He's very focused right now."

Added promoter Bob Arum: "I think this religious awakening has been all for the good."

That might not be good for Bradley.

"Tim Bradley is not the kind of boxer we underestimate. He's a champion," Pacquiao said. "I don't know what he's going to bring into the ring but I'm prepared for whatever he brings on that night. We're ready for movement or boxing. I'm so ready to fight. It feels good."

Pacquiao also revealed that he was struggling with family problems when he defeated Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez last November in their third career bout.

Added Roach: "In the last week everything fell apart, personal problems with Manny. I don't think that will happen again. Manny got rid of all the distractions that caused him to fight poorly in that one and I think we'll have a good fight."

Roach has worked to reduce the chance of head-clashes between southpaw Pacquiao and right-hander Bradley.

"Bradley is a tough undefeated guy but we've watched a lot of video on him," Roach said. "I see a lot of holes in his defense and I think Manny can take advantage of them."

Roach says Pacquiao has not fought such a muscular rival but has plenty of experience with larger and faster foes and "Pac-Man" will have advantages in speed, power and experience.

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"The group we had did a great job at start of the second but then we ended up turning the ball over and they fed off our turnovers," said Lakers coach Mike Brown.

The Oklahoma City franchise earned just their second road playoff win over the Lakers in their last 15 tries. Their first road playoff win against the Lakers was in

1980 when the franchise was still located in Seattle.

In the playoffs, this rivalry dates back to 1978 when the franchise was known as the SuperSonics. The Sonics beat the Lakers in 1978 and 1979 when they reached the NBA finals both times. They hadn't beaten Los Angeles since until this year.



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TAMPA	25	18	.581	2.0
TORONTO	24	19	.558	3.0
BOSTON	21	21	.500	5.5
YANKEES	21	21	.500	5.5

Central

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CLEVELAND	23	18	.561	--
CHICAGO	21	21	.500	2.5
DETROIT	20	21	.488	3.0
KANSAS	17	24	.415	6.0
MINNESOTA	14	27	.341	9.0

West

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	26	17	.605	--
OAKLAND	22	21	.512	4.0
SEATTLE	20	24	.455	6.5
LA ANGELES	18	25	.419	8.0

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	26	17	.605	--
WASHINGTON	25	17	.595	0.5
MIAMI	23	19	.548	2.5
NY METS	22	20	.524	3.5
PHILADELPHIA	21	22	.488	5.0

Central

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	23	19	.548	--
CINCINNATI	22	19	.537	0.5
PITTSBURG	20	22	.476	3.0
HOUSTON	19	23	.452	4.0
MILWAUKEE	17	25	.405	6.0
CHICAGO	15	27	.357	8.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
LA DODGERS	29	13	.690	--
SAN FRANCISCO	22	20	.524	7.0
ARIZONA	19	24	.442	10.5
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COLORADO	15	26	.366	13.5

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Mourinho extends contract with Real until 2016



MADRID, Spain (AFP) - Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho has extended his contract until June 2016 after taking the Spanish giants to victory in La Liga, the team said Tuesday. The 49-year-old, who joined Real in May 2010 on a four-year deal, said early in May he had no ambition to coach in new countries. But media reports had continued to speculate on his returning to England, with some linking him to a move back to his former side Chelsea. The self-appointed "Special One" took Real Madrid to their 32nd league title last month, ending a run of three successive league crowns for bitter rivals Barcelona. Here a file photo of Jose Mourinho, signing autographs during a press conference in Kuwait City on May 15, 2012.

AFP PHOTO

Los Angeles Lakers Eliminated from NBA Playoffs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - The Oklahoma City Thunder punched their ticket to the Western Conference finals, eliminating the Los Angeles Lakers in five games with a dominating 106-90 victory on Monday night.

Russell Westbrook scored 28 points, Kevin Durant had 25 for the Thunder who took a playoff series from the Lakers for the first time since 1979.

"Tonight we came out with a lot of energy and fought through some adversity," Durant said. "I been through some tough times with this team but we all got better as individuals."

The Thunder, four years after relocating to the Oklahoma capital, now face the top-seeded San Antonio Spurs for a place in the NBA finals.

The Spurs swept the Utah Jazz and Los Angeles Clippers in the first two rounds and have won 18 games in a row dating back to the regular season.

"It is going to be a mental challenge," Westbrook said of facing the Spurs. "We got

to play a team that hasn't lost in awhile.

"We have to be able to win in San Antonio. They are a team that has been together for awhile. I been watching them all playoffs and they got a lot of tricks."

On Saturday, the Lakers were just seconds away from deadlocking their series at 2-2 with Oklahoma City. Now 48 hours later they are booking tee times after the 4-1 series loss.

The Thunder stole the game four from the Lakers, getting a go-ahead three-pointer from Durant with

13.7 seconds left en route to a 103-100 comeback win that proved to be the turning point of the series.

"I just stuck with it," said Thunder guard James Harden who finished with 17 points Monday. "In the fourth quarter in every single game we stuck with it and got it done. I am ready for next series."

Kobe Bryant scored 42 points, Pau Gasol had 14 points and 16 rebounds for the Lakers who beat the Thunder just once in the regular season.

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